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DAILY BRIEF

I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

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USSR-Bolivia: Soviet UN delegate Zorin has informed the Bolivian delegation that he is authorized to negotiate a Soviet offer of economic aid and that Moscow is ready to provide a \$100,000,000 credit "if the recent US \$10,000,000 loan is considered insufficient," according to Bolivian permanent UN representative Tamayo. Zorin also said that if Bolivian reluctance to send a mission to Moscow for aid talks is based on a feeling that previous Soviet offers were too small, "this could be taken care of." Hoping to exploit pressure within Bolivia on President Paz to accept a Soviet offer to build a tin smelter, Moscow probably would like to conclude a broader economic aid agreement with La Paz and to arrange an exchange of diplomatic missions.

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

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Sudan: Nasir's state visit to the Sudan from 15 to 25 November has resulted in further moves by the Abboud military regime toward closer ties with the UAR and neutrality between East and West. Soviet propaganda has recently made a special point of commenting favorably on the Abboud government, and on 27 November the Soviet ambassador to Khartoum reportedly offered a \$50,000,000 line of credit. The regime is said to be seriously considering this offer but may act cautiously in order to avoid provoking a possible coup attempt by conservative Sudanese political and military elements. OK

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Sudanese Military Government Considering New Soviet
Aid Offer

The Soviet ambassador, who met with Sudanese Prime Minister Abboud on 27 November, offered a \$50,000,000 line of credit, [REDACTED] Earlier in November the Sudan received its first bloc aid when the USSR presented a gift of five armored personnel carriers. Abboud promptly announced that 25 more would be bought. Negotiations are near completion for Sudanese purchase of 100,000 tons of Soviet wheat. Soviet propaganda has recently made a point of commenting favorably on the Abboud regime, despite the regime's consistent efforts to harass and repress the local Communist party.

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The influence on Abboud of UAR President Nasir appears to be leading the Sudanese Government not only toward closer ties with the UAR but also toward a position of complete neutrality between East and West. Nasir's methods of governing, some of his policy ideas, and his success in obtaining aid from both the bloc and the free world clearly made a strong impression on the Sudanese leader both during his July visit to the UAR and during Nasir's return visit to the Sudan from 15 to 25 November.

The Abboud regime is reported to be seriously considering the new Soviet offer but may act cautiously in order to avoid provoking possible civil disturbances or even a coup attempt by conservative political and military elements. The leader of the large and influential Ansar religious sect, which has many adherents in the army itself, is one of 18 prominent opposition leaders who are insisting on a return to civilian government. [The regime has officially ignored their petition containing this demand and has banned all press comment; they are reported to have responded by printing thousands of copies to be distributed all over the country. The Abboud regime is maintaining strong security precautions, is soliciting statements of support from the citizenry,]

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[redacted] and is calling the provincial military governors to Khartoum
to try to assure continued loyalty of the forces of all five of
the regional army commands [redacted]

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